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Professor T. O'Polger,

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Dear Mr. O'Polger:

I thank you sincerely for your kind letter of appreciation of my address. It is distinctly encouraging to me to to assured that what I said had some point. One is so much in danger of running into platitudes. I am afraid that I had nothing new to say, tut possibly if I put a little emphasis on neglected aspects of our university education I may have performed some service. My otject was to draw attention to a common factor in our university education and to remind my audience of an underlying community of interest that exists between the United States and the English-speaking countries. The old struggle between classicists and scientists surely will take a different aspect after this war, for I have a conviction that we shall te faced ty a common antagonist, the man who sees nothing in education except its utility for industrial purposes.

I wish that I had had the opportunity of meeting you while I was in Philadelphia, and I hope that if ever you come our way you will let me know. With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.